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October 8, 2009

Byron Muir
113 West Main Street
P. O. Box 106
Minersville, Utah 84752

Subject: Notice of File Closure, Byron Muir, Vicksburg/Kopeck/Gold King Mine, S/001/0008, Beaver County, Utah

Dear Mr. Muir:

The file for the Vicksburg/Kopeck/Gold King mine, file number S/001/0008, located in Beaver county, Utah, will now be closed and the file retired in accordance with your request received December 8, 2006.

An inspection was performed on June 5, 2007, and it was found that most of the mining has been by hand. There has been very little disturbance, and most of the disturbances have been regraded and are overgrown. There are numerous pre-law disturbances for which the Division does not consider you responsible under the Mined Land Reclamation Act.

The Division does not hold a reclamation surety for this site.

By separate letter, the Division is denying the transfer from you to Escalante Mines, Inc. Escalante Mines has never provided a reclamation surety or reclamation contract as the Division requires.

If you have questions or concerns about this letter, please contact me at 801-538-5261 or Tom Munson at 801-538-5321. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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Enclosure: Transfer Denial Letter

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